

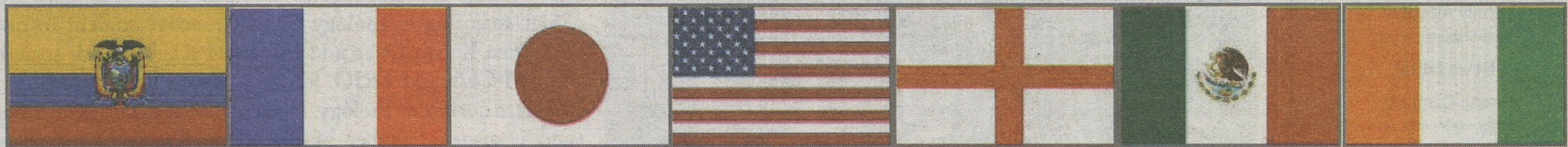
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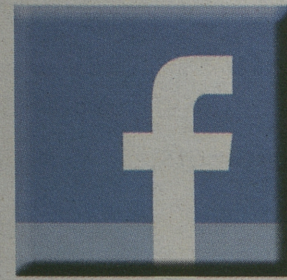


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PHI THETA KAPPA MEMBERS PICK UP TRASH As part of the 4th annual student senate service day on Apr. 15, students picked up trash in front of Vaughn Library to fulfill TJC's third promise.

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News in Brief**TJC ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE WATSON W. WISE INCENTIVE AND ROTARY YOUNG CITIZENS**

Sabrah Shipman won the Watson W. Wise Incentive Award. She is a sophomore from Big Sandy, Texas, majoring in Advertising and is in the TJC Honors Program, an active student involved in Pow Wow TV and Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Arlene Campos and Ben Jordan are the winners of the Rotary Young Citizens. Campos is a sophomore from Tyler, majoring in Biology. She is an active student involved in Sigma Kappa Delta and Phi Theta Kappa honor societies, STEM Club and TRIO. Jordan is also a sophomore from Tyler, majoring in Biology. He is active in the TJC Jazz Band and is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

VIDEO SHOOT NEEDS EXTRAS FOR COMMERCIAL

This Friday and Saturday TJC will be shooting a new commercial and they need extras. If interested, complete the Call for Extras form at www.tjc.edu/videoextras.

SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM WINS BIG PHI RHO PI COMMUNITY COLLEGE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Phi Rho Pi community college national competition was held on April 4 - 10 in Costa Mesa, California. TJC won National Championship in Overall Sweepstakes, gold in Individual Events Sweepstakes and silver in Debate Sweepstakes. In the individual events, Omari Hawkins got silver in dramatic interpretation and bronze in prose interpretation. Skyler Walker got bronze in prose interpretation. Clay Wood got bronze in impromptu speaking and international public debate. Gavin Downing and Dillon Hughes got bronze in parliamentary debate. Jacob Savage and Skyler Walker got bronze in parliamentary debate. Savage also got bronze in dramatic interpretation and extemporaneous speaking. Tyler Cole from Whitehouse got bronze in extemporaneous speaking. Earlyssa Cooper won the slam poetry event in the talent show.

ART CLUB SILENT AUCTION BRINGS IN BIG BUCKS

This years annual art club silent auction brought in \$1500 that can be used for scholarships, events, charitable donations, field trips and supplies.

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Students use free time to play video game competitively

TJC Recreation Center's upcoming video game tournament

By Dailon Smith
Staff Writer

Although the heat rises and the flowers start to bloom outside, some people are staying indoors at the Rogers Student Center to prepare for the TJC Recreation Center's upcoming video game tournaments.

As soon as April hits, they start the video game tournaments. They play Madden NFL, TEKKEN and Mortal Kombat, according to Eric Book, coordinator of Intramural Sports at TJC.

The TJC Recreation Center, which is located on the second floor of Rogers Student Center, has been hosting basketball, pool, ping pong, and soccer tournaments throughout the semester and, now that spring is finally here, they have begun the video game tournaments. The Rec Center has three TVs set up for the tournaments and two types of gaming systems.

"The tournaments are very competitive," said Dameion Spears-Mitchel, sophomore TJC student. "Everyone knows each other so they want to beat each other. That's what makes it interesting."

The tournaments were created three years ago due to popular demand, according to Book. It lets students come and show off their skills with the controller. It also allows them to take a break from the books and enjoy some friendly competition with fellow classmates.

"The goal is for students to be able to connect with each other," said Book. "It gives students something fun to do, and a good way to get students involved."

The tournaments are all free for TJC students with a valid student ID. The day of tournament, participants just show up, sign their names and they will then be put on the tournament bracket. There is not a limit to how many students can sign up for the tournament.

"The tournaments are a great way to spend your free time," said Brianna Doty, sophomore TJC student and employee at the recreation center. "They are fun to watch, and a great way to meet friends and chill."

The first tournament was held on March 31, when



Photo by Sarah Perez

TJC STUDENTS PLAYING VIDEO GAMES for fun at the Recreation Center, located on the second floor of Rogers Student Center. Kizton Cole (right) and Timothy King (left) both major in General Studies.

students came to show off their skills in the classic game "Mortal Kombat" played on the PS4. Students were assigned a competitor on the bracket. The students then picked which Mortal Kombat character they would fight with and began the gruesome fight to the finish, where the winner of two of the three rounds won that round for the tournament and moved on to the next competitor.

"The tournaments get competitive," said Ladarrion

Richardson, sophomore TJC student who participates in the tournaments. "It's all about memorizing the different combinations and how fast you can actually do it to get the win."

While some battle it out in fight to the death, others are preparing to leave it all out on the field in Madden NFL.

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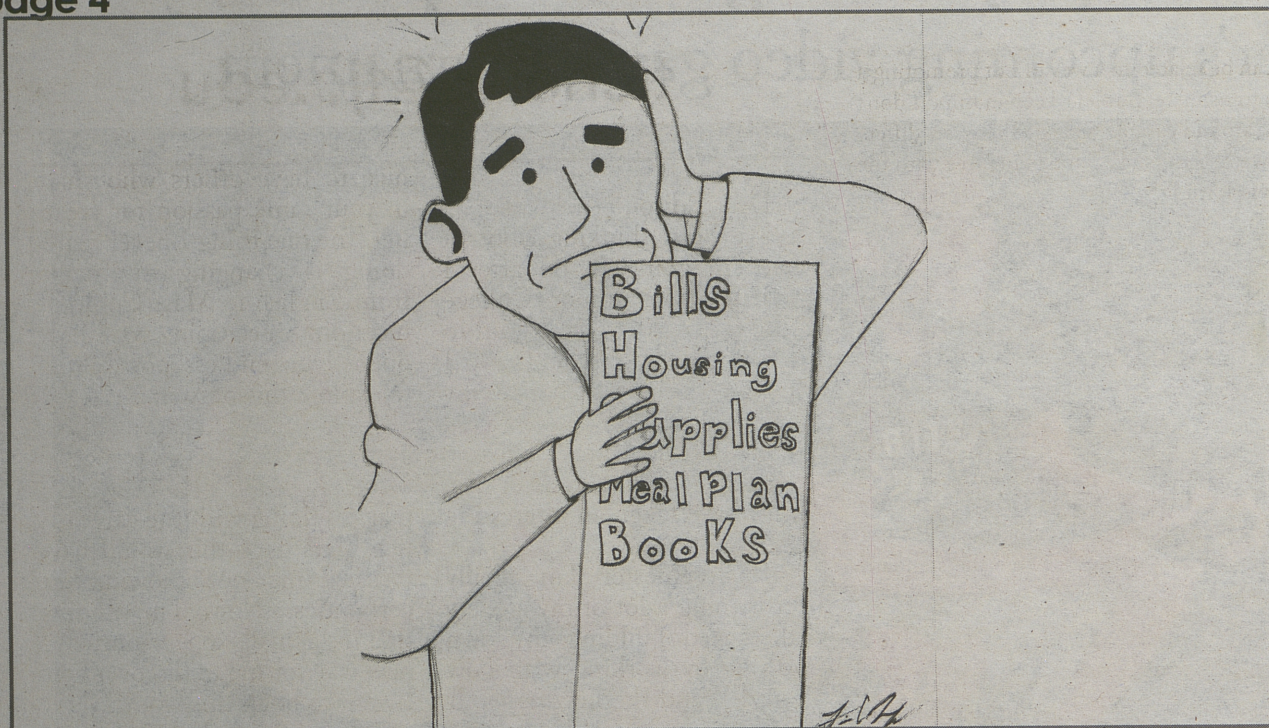
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Mandatory meal plans, more cause for hunger than fill

Editorial

One of the biggest challenges of coming to college is money. It can determine where you go to school, what you drive and most of all where you live. TJC is very cost efficient compared to other colleges and four-year universities and unlike many other junior colleges it offers on-campus living.

Dorms at a junior college are rare to say the least and most of us here tend to overlook that, but that doesn't make them cheap. Some dorms such as Bateman and Vaughn are affordable, but newer dorms such as Ornelas and Crossroads are more than \$2,500 a semester and you have to leave for breaks. This cost wouldn't be so daunting if the meal plan wasn't automatically factored in.

The meal plan on campus is over a \$1,000. Some students might consider this a good deal. Paying the meal plan allows you to eat for an entire semester, three times a day during the week and twice a day on the weekend. This plan also puts you at the mercy of the cafeteria. If they aren't serving anything you like that day or you miss dinner or breakfast, due to full a schedule, you might have to pick that meal up somewhere else and you essentially pay for it twice.

It can be argued that making the meal plan mandatory is a bit much. Some students might be able to budget better with the option to buy their own food and be happier with the outcome. Mini fridges and microwaves in the dorms provide the opportunity for students to buy, store and to some degree cook their own food. Hot pockets, ramen noodles and sandwiches might not be the healthiest lifestyle, but at least it is one that students could pick by choice- and most importantly, afford.

The cafeteria does offer vegetarian and vegan options, but these lifestyle choices further limit your food choices. There is normally one dish set out fit for the vegan lifestyle and the salad bar and everything else is inedible. Pizza has cheese, hot dogs and burgers are out of the question.

There are probably very valid reasons behind having the meal plan already factored in, but there has to be a better option. Some students might struggle to find a good balance to budget, but other students might save hundreds of dollars, but either way it is their choice and not something that is automatically factored into the cost of living on campus.

Is modesty a must for school, or not?

Column

With the weather changes, people are dressing more explicitly. People are already showing more skin, and this is causing trouble, because TJC has a dress code.

The student handbook says, "Students should dress in a manner that should reflect high standards of personal self-image so that each student may share in promoting a positive, healthy and safe atmosphere within the College community."

Nudity is something that can't be avoided in this day and age. It's in TV shows, music videos, all over the Internet, and with the spring weather heating up soon bare skin will be a common site on the campus sidewalks.

I don't hate short shorts or think that bikinis are the devil's work, but there are lines and dress codes in life that need to be followed. The issue isn't that skimpy clothes shouldn't exist, but they shouldn't be filling the rows of in the classrooms on campus.



Julia Contarelli
Student Life Editor

Vs.



Haley Huston
Editor-in-Chief

Does anybody else have a problem with this? What is meant by "high standards of personal self-image"? What about "positive", "healthy" and "safe atmosphere"? Remember, this section of the student handbook is directed to the way a student should dress.

How in a country with freedom as its First Amendment a statement over dress code can establish

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College is a place that many people learn to express themselves, but it is also a professional setting and does have a dress code. The student handbook says, "Students should dress in a manner that should reflect high standards of personal self-image so that each student may share in promoting a positive, healthy and safe atmosphere within the College community." It goes on to specify no lewd or indecent clothing that exposes

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if any person has "high standards of personal self image" just by the way they choose to dress themselves?

Wearing short shorts implies that a person is not promoting a positive, healthy and safe atmosphere? I mean, what is so dangerous about those short shorts? About the cleavage issue, how does a girl wearing a shirt with certain cleavage

influences on her high standard of personal self image?

I do not understand how the way somebody dresses can be related to a way of not promoting a healthy atmosphere. But let's keep in mind I don't just walk around campus naked. There is a difference between being naked and being free with the choices of clothing.

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intimate body parts such as underwear or cleavage.

This doesn't discriminate against a specific body type or person but sets the same high expectations for everyone. College is place that

thousands of students realize who they are, but despite the new freedom at the end of the day college is a place of study and a business. It's not the beach, club or even park where the standard dress code is looser and more expressive.

Vs.



Favian Quezada
Pow Wow TV News
Director

We live in a world today where modesty is a very loose word to use when describing clothing choices for women, but also men as well. Now as a male, I have no say in what a woman chooses to wear nor do I have the right to complain about what they wear.

Personally, I could care less how someone dresses. If a person feels confident enough to wear short shorts or a tank top or even a crop top more power to them. But, in a professional setting, such as work or school, clothing should be worn more conservatively. In a world of mobile and technological distractions someone wearing skimpy clothing can cause a distraction to anyone. This goes for men too.

I don't really think about what I put on in the morning. I work in a TV station where it is always cold to keep the equipment cool. So pants and hoodies are my norm when it comes to clothing on the daily.

With summer coming tank tops and shorts are the norm for guys. But some how shorts for

guys are getting, unfortunately, shorter. Now I know the typical argument is not to look if you don't want to see it or be distracted. Turn your head and avoid it.

Well, lets be frank here, people like to look at pretty objects and TJC has a plethora of pretty people to look at. Everyone I meet here at TJC has a confidence level that is envious. So, people wear what you want, look good and feel good and most importantly just feel comfortable with yourself and what you wear.



Photo by Julia Contarelli

CLOTHING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN USA AND BRAZIL The top bikini bottom is from Brazil and the one under is from The United States. It's a matter of culture.

the inbox

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Dear Editor,

I've been thinking a lot of what I'm going to do after I graduate Tyler Junior College in the fall of 2016. Do I want to go to a four-year school? Do I want to continue to pursue my newfound passion? I'm the type of person who always has everything planned and as of late, things have taken an interesting turn.

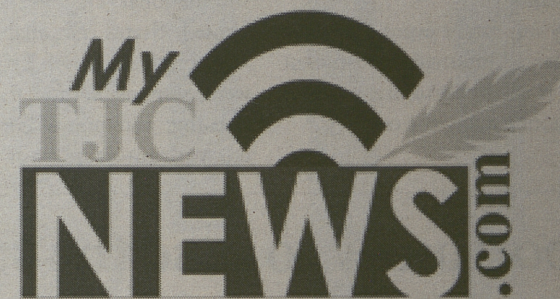
This semester I'm finally over coming a lot of my anxiety and started building my own portfolio by working with Pow Wow TV and the newspaper. It has been a whirlwind of knowledge these past couple of weeks, as I try to hone in on my new passion that I'm trying to explore for a career.

The support of the TJC students have been nothing but wonderful. As previously stated, I'm a generally shy person so it's

nice to have others who share in your same passion for creating. The one thing I never regret doing is changing my major from English to Mass Communication. Since doing so, I have opened up endless possibilities to explore this passion.

I don't know what my future holds. I don't know where I plan on going after TJC or what I plan on doing with the career. A few years back this would have terrified me, not knowing the certainties. Now, I'm finding that it's actually a new journey, a new way for me to discover who I want to be in this world. There are a lot of things I need to figure out and as I finish out these next few months at TJC, but I know that I am on the right path.

Symone Sheppard



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International Day shows students what diversity means

Alejandra Hurtado
Spanish Editor

Without the need to get on a plane, the community of Tyler Junior College and a number of local and international people were participants of a multicultural learning experience around the world at the twenty-sixth celebration of International Day this Tuesday, April 19th, on the TJC campus.

"A teachable moment" were the words used by the founder and organizer of this event, Dr. Manouchehr Khosrowshahi, professor of government and sponsor of the International Club at TJC, to summarize International Day. "This is the day on which this classroom is the largest we have on campus, where thousands of people attend to learn," said Dr. K which is how his colleagues and students affectionately

"It met all my expectations and beyond."

-Dr. Manouchehr Khosrowshahi
Founder of International Day, Tyler Junior College

call Dr. Khosrowshahi.

"This is a very important event for TJC," said Arantxa Hidalgo, international student from Mexico. "It is an opportunity to meet many cultures without leaving the country."

From 8 a.m., the hall doors of the Apache Rooms opened on the Tyler Junior College campus to make way for the early-birds invited to see the many exhibits. Since Sunday, April 17, the exhibitors have been preparing their

"Many students who came from both primary schools and high schools visited and could have this cultural experience."

-Nidia Arellano Hassan
Admissions Director, Tyler Junior College

tables, adding different items belonging to their country in order to prepare for this event.

As the morning progressed, Dr. K was presented with some folk and cultural samples of countries like Gambia and India, in addition to the hearing Bishop Nick McGrew reciting the speech by Martin L. King, representing American culture by his own account.

"This is an event for everyone to enjoy," said Dr. K. "It's a festival environment in which everyone who came today, to the international day, will walk out happy. I guarantee it!"

Psychology professor of Tyler Junior College, Otis Webster, inaugurated International Day by fervently singing the United States national anthem. Dr. Mike Metke, president of TJC, along with Dr. K, were responsible for the International Day opening ceremony. Dr. Metke received a box with his name on it as a gift from Dr. K,



Photo by Sarah Perez

IMPERSONATING THE CHARACTER OF CHARLIE CHAPLIN Jodeci Jantis (left) and Bailey Booth (right) play around for International Day.

representing his Turkish culture.

Dr. Christine Hubbard, president of the Consortium of Community Colleges of North Texas was the guest of honor this year. She said, "I get to travel around the world in one room."

"Dr. Metke is a great support in international education. Without him, this would not have happened," said Dr. K. "He was supporting the event behind the scenes in many ways, so I'm grateful for his support and

his wife was also here, so this meant a lot "

"For international students, it's an honor to come and represent their countries and answer questions from people like: 'Where is your country? What's its population? How is your culture? What is the traditional food?'" said Nidia Arellano Hassan, Director of Admissions at Tyler Junior College.

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An opportunity to ease the stress of finals is coming to Vaughn Library

By Emily Attebery
Managing Editor

Migraine starting? Back cringing? Stress enhancing? Finals week can be a weight that worries students even before the dreaded week begins. However, this semester, Campus Life is preparing to help lessen that stress by bringing Campus Spa to the TJC.

"We do a series of spa services. We set it up into three

"It'll will be fun and a good stress reliever."

-Megan Cooke
Student Life Specialist

separate stations," said Jennifer Sloan, CEO and owner of Campus Spa.

The three stages follow an order that's meant to help students relax and gain energy. Starting with paraffin treatment, placing warm wax on hands to moisturize, followed by mechanical back, foot and calf massaging chairs, with oxygen therapy and, finally, the therapist chair massage.

"Now, this is also the time where, if the client has any issues they're dealing with, if they have migraines or something we can work directly with that as well," said Sloan.

Campus Spa is based in Tennessee and has locations in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and occasionally Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas.

Campus Spa will be coming to TJC from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on May 2 in the Vaughn Library. Finals will be starting May 9 and will last through May 12.

STATIONS

1. Paraffin treatment

Place warm wax on hands to moisturize

2. Chair with oxygen therapy

Mechanical back, foot, and calf massaging chair with oxygen therapy

3. Therapist

Chair massage

Dr. Metke conquers more than being TJC President

Haley Shukei
Staff Writer

An avid outdoorsman, Dr. Mike Metke began hiking and climbing mountains in Washington State in 1999.

Dr. Mike Metke, president of Tyler Junior College, has a passion for adventure that's driven him to go farther than most people ever imagine. After climbing Washington's highest mountain (Rainier) in 2001, Metke started seeking summits and has bagged over 50 including the highest mountains in Africa (Kilimanjaro), Japan (Fuji), South Korea (Halla), as well as California (Whitney-the highest in the 48 states), Oregon (Hood), Colorado (Elbert), New Mexico (Wheeler) Arizona (Humphreys) and Texas (Guadalupe).

"Whenever I go somewhere I look for the highest point and try to fit it into the itinerary," said Metke.

For instance, Metke was in Colorado for his son's wedding when he took time to summit Mount Elbert with an old friend whom he then traveled with to New Mexico and summited Mount Wheeler, in the same trip.

When finally fulfilling his wife's dream of visiting Scotland, he found a way to climb Mt. Ben Nevis despite harsh weather conditions.

"I couldn't get anyone to guide, the weather was just really bad. So I thought, well, I'll go for as far as I feel safe and the clouds opened up, the snow stopped for just a little while, and I got to summit," said Metke.

Even while on an accreditation visit to Mississippi, Metke found the highest point there (Woodall Mountain).

Most recently, during spring break, Metke was with family in Colorado for a skiing trip.

In August 2015, he and his grandson hiked into and out of the Grand Canyon.

In May 2015, he climbed Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in the British Isles.

In August 2014, Metke took his daughter and close friends on a wilderness trek through the Enchantments in

Washington State.

In July 2014, he led a small group including his daughter and grandson on the Salcantay Trail in Peru, hiking four days and over 40 miles, passing over a 15,200 ft. pass before descending into Machu Picchu.

In July 2012, he and his daughter, along with a team of 25 Tyler riders, rode their bicycles 320 miles across Washington State, gaining 14,000 feet of altitude along the way.

In July 2011, he and his son summited Mt. Humphrey, the highest mountain in Arizona.

In July 2010, he took his daughter and several friends hiking through Washington's Enchantment Wilderness Zone and then led a 25-person TJC team on their 320-mile bike ride across Washington State.

In October 2010, he organized a group of 10 hikers, including his children and several TJC colleagues, for a 35-mile rim-to-rim hike of the Grand Canyon.

Metke has also led fundraising treks on the Inca Trail in Peru, as well as a five-day, 75-mile backpacking wilderness adventure along the Pacific Crest Trail, a 2,650-mile trail that stretches from Canada to Mexico.

"We chose the most beautiful part of the trail in Washington State, on top of the Cascades," said Metke.

In 2007, he successfully summited Mount Baker, one of the snowiest places in the world- 1999 world record holder with over 100 ft. of snow.

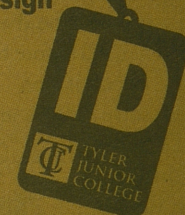
Coming up in June, Metke will be travelling to Peru, to the lost city of Inca - Machu Picchu. With his daughter and her husband, his grandkids, Executive Assistant Ellen Matthews and her husband Phil, and TJC Board Trustee, Peggy Smith and her husband Preston.

"The best adventures have been with my friends and family, being part of a group and a team, you're kind of all committed to each other," said Metke. "We've had a bunch of adventures and

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Tyler Escape Room give you one hour to solve a murder

1950s murder mystery offers fun and unique experience in spending time with friends

By Julia Contarelli
Student Life Editor

A woman was murdered! You have one hour to find out when she died, how she died and who killed her. All before the killer returns!

"Success depends on the ability to uncover clues, solve riddles and crack codes," said Richard Graham, one of the owners of Tyler Escape Room.

Tyler Escape Room is an establishment where clues are set in a locked room and the participants have one hour, which is timed on a television screen, to solve the murder.

Currently the establishment has one room called Unsolved Mystery Room, with the team starting in the dressing-room of a Hollywood Starlet in 1950. A new room is in progress and will be called Agent 777. The objective in this room will be to find the name and location of the agent and defuse a bomb. The owners expect this room to be ready in a month and are now in the process of getting the bomb.

"It was pretty realistic, I really liked it... you basically solve a mystery, eventually it

became like real life," Said Shelbee Brewer, TJC student who did the Unsolved Mystery Room with two other friends.

Shelbee found the experience different and also good for team bonding. She and Dalton DeLaCruz, TJC student majoring in Forensic Psychology, almost escaped the room, they needed one more minute according to her.

"Success depends on the ability to uncover clues, solve riddles and crack codes."

-Richard Graham
Owner, Tyler Escape Room

"I was looking for a clue in one side of the room, while Dalton tried to solve another puzzle," Said Brewer. "As soon as we got a number -- a code -- we would divide and try to unlocked all the lockers in the room."

DeLaCruz would like to do it again and is interested in the new room that is coming up.

"My favorite part was being able to be in that kind of environment, since this is my major, this is the kind of field I want to go into," Said DeLaCruz. "I've seen the fun side, and I know that's not how is going to be in the future, so it was a good and chill lesson, also."

Richard Graham and Dede Graham are

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Photo by Julia Contarelli

IN THE 1950'S HOLLYWOOD STARLET DRESSING ROOM Dalton DeLaCruz and Daniel Olaleye listen to the rules of the game. Richard Graham, using the walkie-talkie, demonstrates how to communicate outside of the room for extra clues.

Spring Fling brings crawfish and stress relief for everyone right before finals

By Elizabeth Dieterich
Staff Writer

Crawfish, bubble soccer and more will be at this year's Spring Fling.

For the past 10 years, Spring Fling has been held at the end of the school year as a chance for students and faculty to devour seasonal treats while enjoying the weather.

Apache Activities Council orders the food and fun, but this year Coca-Cola Company will be donating drinks.

There is no guarantee that everyone will get crawfish -- supplies are limited.

"Come early," said Mullen. "The crawfish usually go really fast, normally we get 1,000 pounds. This year we have 1,500."

The Student Life Office will be handing out crawfish, cooked by a vendor on campus, throughout the day.

"Last year we had a volleyball tournament," said Mullen.

"This year we've changed it to the bubble soccer. It's kind of grown over the years, it started out as just a crawfish boil with music played, so we've added some elements to it."

"The crawfish usually go really fast, normally we get 1,000 pounds. This year we have 1,500"

-Caitlin Mullen
Coordinator of Student Life, Tyler Junior College

Some students, such as Thomas, say that Spring Fling is their favorite event of the year.

"I think this year's Spring Fling is going to be really fun just because everyone is excited about it," said sophomore Apache Chief Talicia Erwin, "It's coming up right before finals and it's a great way for everybody to let out stress."

This event is not just for the students. Any faculty, staff or Alumni with a valid TJC ID are welcome.

"A lot of faculty, staff and students attend this event," said Mullen. "It's very mixed across the board of attendance."

This year's Spring Fling will be at 3 - 6 p.m. on Apr. 27 at the intramural field. Students and faculty will be able to get crawfish, snow cones and play bubble soccer all free with a valid Spring 2016 ID.



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HOLDING POSTERS are Dalton DeLaCruz (left) Daniel Olaleye (middle) and Shelbee Brewer (right), after escaping from the Escape Room.

the owners of Tyler Escape Room, this being a side business for the couple. They experienced their first No Escape Room in Oklahoma City on June of 2015.

"We did our first Escape Room with our son, he is 12...it helped us work together, bond together," Said Dede Graham.

In the past summer, the family visited Colorado, where they did another Escape Room.

"After Colorado we thought, man why don't we bring this to Tyler? You

know, with the college students and all... but not only them, the adults also, we love it too," Said Dede Graham.

This experience is recommend by the owners to families, coworkers, and friends in general, it's also good for dates. The cost is \$24 dollars per person. Each room can accommodate eight people. Children under 6 years old aren't allowed.

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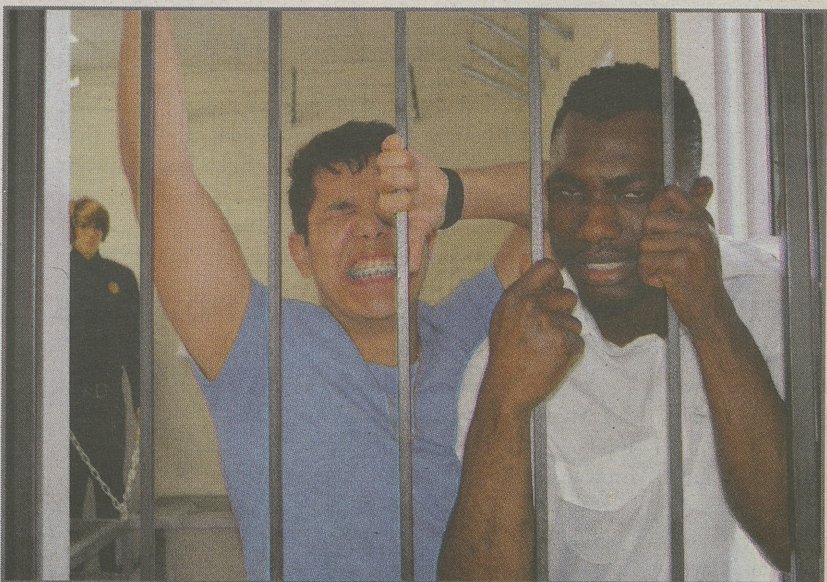


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PLAYING AROUND ON TYLER ESCAPE ROOM wait area, which has the furniture of a jail cell, Dalton DeLaCruz and Daniel Olaleye are posing before their one hour game starts.

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Quick look at the Arts Festival

Mic Night fills up Apache Room

Julia Contarelli
Student Life Editor

The last Open Mic Night of the 2016 spring semester started with a line so long that students had to wait outside.

While the performances were happening, students hurried to line up and sign in to see the performances inside the Apache Rooms. With no more space to sit in the chairs, students sat on the floor or stood in the area by the side of the stage.

Once inside, students watched others perform many exhibitions of talent. Performances varied from girls twerking to others singing

religious songs.

A group called "Divas" presented four choreographed performances; their movements included floor work and dances rooted in ballet and contemporary styles. The group has eight girls, all in black uniforms with golden belts and black shoes.

"They are fun to watch," said Shelbee Brewer, TJC student majoring in nursing. "I've watched them dancing a few times, it looks like they are having fun."

After their performances, they didn't walk out like the other performers, they danced off the stage. The music was turned back on and they marched, as a group, to the exit.



Photo by Julia Contarelli

DIVAS PERFORMING AT OPEN MIC NIGHT eight girls dancing together at every open mic night, and once again, for the last one of the spring semester of 2016.



Photo by Jessica Hayden

ARTISTIC DANCE ON VENUE: PLAYFEST it was time for some dance steps in the stage, many rooted in jazz.

Dancers, poets, musicians and more all on the same floor

Jessica Hayden
Staff Writer

The Venue, or the original TJC coffee house, provides a place for students to show off their various talents twice a semester. This semester, they joined the art festival at 9 p.m. on Apr. 9 in Jean Browne Theatre.

"You get a vibe from a crowd of strangers that makes you want to try," said Bre'Ann Higgins, head of the Venue committee. "We strive to make it like a coffee house feel."

Participants can dance, sing and recite poetry and anything else they can come up with creatively.

Students like Sam Obier, sophomore and member of Touch of Gold drill team, use this as chance to show off skills and talents that they love, such as dance.

Obier preformed with a group of four in a piece called Pure Love.

The Venue is also an opportunity for performers to share more than talent. Nick Sheffield performed a tribute dance to his deceased grandma that several members in the audience found touching.

Oliver Howard, freshman, attended the Venue for the first time hoping to see some good dancers. Howard felt inspired towards the middle of the show and decided to do a dance performance while Mackenzie King, freshman, read from a book called "For Colored Girls."

The Venue is first come, first serve with one slot per performer and up to 25 slots per Venue that cannot exceed 5 minutes. Coffee and baked goods are on sale by Las Mas.

Student recital gives musicians the opportunity to play their instruments to peers and professors

Julia Contarelli
Student Life Editor

The Student Recital is an opportunity that allows TJC students to play their instruments in front of others. Some of these include baritone, piano, euphonium, trombone, alto saxophone and the flute.

"I am here for the music," said Franklin Kimlicko, music teacher.

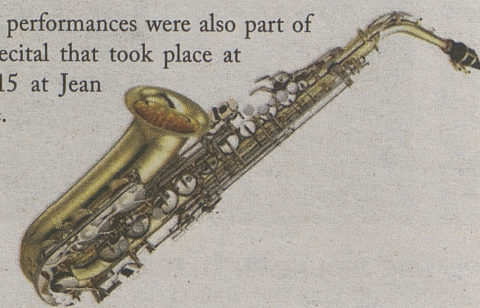
The recital started with Preston Stickles playing

baritone and James Henderson playing piano. They played "La costanza in amor vince l'inganno" composed by Antonio Caldara.

The second performance had Jillian Brandon as soprano and Gjergji Gaqi on piano. They played Nimmersatte Liebe by Hugo Wolf.

The third performer, Zachary Terrien, played euphonium together with Charles Praytor, who played piano. They played a song by Jean-Michel Defage called, "A la maniere de Schuman".

Four other performances were also part of this Student Recital that took place at 1 p.m., April 15 at Jean Browne Theatre.



Bell Tower hosts a launch party to introduce 2016 edition of magazine

Nick Vaughn
Sports Editors

The Bell Tower launch party on April 11, 2016, was one to remember, as the room was filled nearly to capacity with joy and excitement. Local CBS news station and student media filed in to capture the event.

Once started, many achievements were revealed, such as awards won by students,

the new issue, and the many things to look forward to in the future. Students ate various finger foods as each award was revealed and, with each award came a synchronized applause from the crowd of friends, family and loved ones.

One of the biggest things to come from the launch was the unveiling of the new cover issue of the Bell Tower and the art, poetry and prose that went into it.



BELL TOWER WON AWARDS AT TIPA
Holding the awards are Carl Speaks (left), Lateia Larkin (middle) and by their side is Dr. Linda Gary, Department Chair of Humanities and Philosophy (right).

Lost Boy John Bul Dau speaks

Emily Attebery
Managing Editor

Having gone through a graphic and intense experience most Americans can't even begin to imagine, John Bul Dau's first words to the audience at TJC's Wise Auditorium were about how "beautiful" and "wonderful" it was that they were there to attend college.

"Personally, I am proud of you. You are young and you want to do something in the future. You want to change your life; that is beautiful," said Bul Dau.

Bul Dau's presentation, "Journey to Leadership," questioned whether leaders are born or if they rise up through experience. Bul Dau's "living testimony" is something he's able to share because he's still alive, and he wants to share it with others so that they may pass it on to

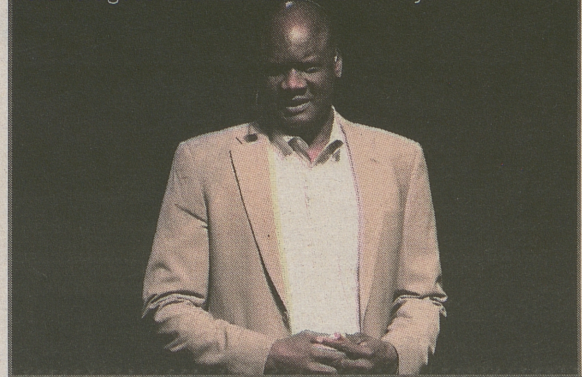
someone else.

In 1987, Bul Dau's village in south Sudan was attacked, triggering a chain of events that left Bul Dau a refugee. At one point 1,200 boys were in the same situation running from their homes in Sudan. They became known as the Lost Boys. The boys suffered through starvation, disease, attacks and abductions, but they kept moving on. Bul

Dau was able to find help at a U.N. refugee center in Kenya where he was able to learn to read. He was later given the chance to go to America. Bul Dau got an education in Syracuse, New York and has since developed four non-profit organizations for the Sudan and Lost Boy cause.

"Do you think I'm here to show off?" asked Bul Dau. "I feel the urge to help others."

BUL DAU GIVING A SPEECH about the boys who were refugees and formed the Lost Boys.



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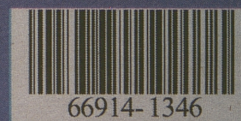


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Metke Mountain M

TJC President, Mike Metke has explored, hiked and co some of the most challenging terrains.

"[Washington State]'s probably the prettiest place I've ever been. It's pure wilderness."

"So I thought, well, I'll go for as far as I feel safe and the clouds opened up, the snow stopped for just a little while, and I got to summit."

"Time is running in terms of significant mounts."

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**"Whenever I go
somewhere, I look for the
highest point and try to
fit it into the itinerary."**

**"The best
adventures have
been with my friends
and family, being
part of a group and a
team."**

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**"I remember just
telling myself that if
I could still stand, I
could still walk, and I
could force myself to keep going."**

Softball team defining a dominant defense

Offense isn't the only powerhouse for TJC softball, their defense also leads strong

By Benjamin Savallo
Staff Writer

TJC softball hasn't skipped a beat and has been more dominant than ever, after a gut check from Weatherford College earlier in the season.

"We play 60 practice games for one weekend, one opportunity at regionals to go to the national tournament. So everything up to that point is just working on improving and getting better," said Head Softball Coach Nicole Dickson.

TJC, since that loss to Weatherford, has been nothing short of dominant. But the spotlight has somewhat slipped from the powerful offense to the dominant defense. Before the loss, TJC's offense was putting up monstrous numbers in the NJCAA statistics. They were

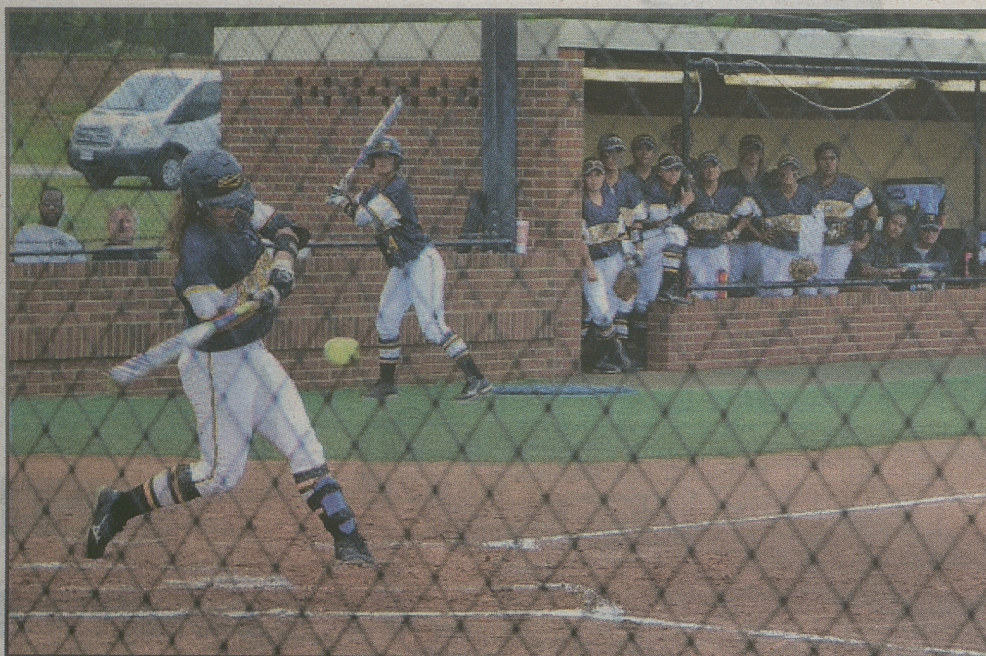


Photo by Benjamin Savallo

AT BAT AND READY FOR THE BIG HIT Sophomore catcher Amber Landry steps to the plate and tries to score a run for the TJC Lady Apache softball team as her team cheers her on.

the center of attention for this softball team.

TJC's pitching rotation threw four shutouts in a 16-game span to start the season. Since the start of conference play, they have shutdown their opponents in 12 different games. According to Coach Dickson, this rotation of four different girls who understand their roles as pitchers have the "depth" and

"support" to help each other out and meet the challenge when called upon. It has nearly been impossible for hitters to get hits against their pitching ace, Abby Walker. With one no-hitter already under her belt, Walker threw a perfect game with 14 strikeouts this past week in their first game against Navarro College.

Although it is where it

starts, a dominant defense needs more than just a fierce pitching rotation to be successful. In the first 16 games of the season, the Apache defense gave up 39 runs but has only allowed 40 since the start of conference play. As competitive as these girls are, it's no wonder the defense has reached elite rankings, being

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"We play 60 practice games for one weekend."

—Nicole Dixon
Head coach, Women's Softball

first in home runs, extra base hits, and runs batted in. But since then, the defense is now

Too much work to get a workout done

Column

Trying to get a workout at TJC can be harder than just coming to the gym. Depending on the day and time when a student wants to go, he or she may be able to get in, get a workout done and leave, or may be forced to wait, be limited to a small area or even be sent



Nick Vaughn
Sports Editor

home on some days.

This can really interfere with schedules or prolong a certain rep one is currently performing. In the OHPE center what it all comes down to is how high in the rankings you are. For instance, sports teams can walk in and shut down the gym on any given day, depending on which duty manager is working.

The men's and women's basketball and tennis team have come into the gym and instantly shut down half of it and, in some cases, the entire workout area.

The cheerleaders will roll out their mats across the gym floor, even if there are basketball games being played by the students, not allowing them to finish their game. This is done even though there is an entirely empty side available, they choose to come to the side where the most students are, which ends their game.

There is no way for a student to know if the gym is closed without going all the way to the gym and finding out face-to-face.

TJC tennis is in the zone as the national tournament approaches

By Marshall Cearfoss
Web Editor

The tennis team continues to prove that it's a force to be reckoned with this semester.

Dash Connell, head coach, has seen much growth and skill in the team this season.

"We have more freshman than sophomores this year," said Connell. "There have been some growing pains every once and a

while because of that, but in these past few weeks, I feel like we laid a foundation down to really finish strong. It's a great group."

The men's team has pulled off a 16-3 season, with nationals looking hopeful.

"We've got a really strong team this year," said Logan Powell, sophomore tennis player. "At the beginning of the [fall] semester last year, it was a whole new squad, so we were just trying to feel each other out. Now we're just getting closer and closer as the season goes."

Powell grew up with tennis as a part of everyday life in his family. He will soon be taking that love of tennis to the University of Arkansas.

"What's fun about college tennis, I would say, is that you go from an individual sport your whole life, but then it becomes a team aspect," said Powell. "When you're out there, it's just you and you're playing for yourself. But once you come to college,

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first in the nation in shutouts (19), second in opponents batting average (.203), and second in strikeouts thrown (343). Not to mention, TJC, as a team, has moved up to #1 in the country according to the Marucci D1 Softball Rankings with a record of 50-1; which ended Central Florida University's season-long reign at the top spot.

"All the hard work they put in, you're really seeing it start to payoff so it's exciting to see," said Assistant Softball Coach Audrey Farfan.

Dropping that one game has somewhat sharpened the focus of this Apache team. Since the loss, they have really zeroed in on what needs to be

they'd never woken up. And with the final stretch of games coming up next week, TJC looks to enter the regional tournament undefeated in conference. This feat would be the first of its kind in TJC softball history. But standing in their way is Angelina College, who earlier in the season has given the lady Apaches a run for their money. Last time Angelina College visited TJC they only allowed three runs in both games, a season low for the Apaches. The only time TJC has scored less than five runs in a game in conference play is against Angelina College twice. But this time the Apaches will be visiting Angelina College in Lufkin, Texas.

"All the hard work they put in, you're really seeing it start to pay off, so it's exciting to watch."

-Audrey Farfan
Assistant Softball Coach

fixed and what needs to be done in order to succeed at the next level of play. It really has lit a fire under this sleeping defensive beast that other teams wish

This truly will be TJC's final test before entering the tournament.

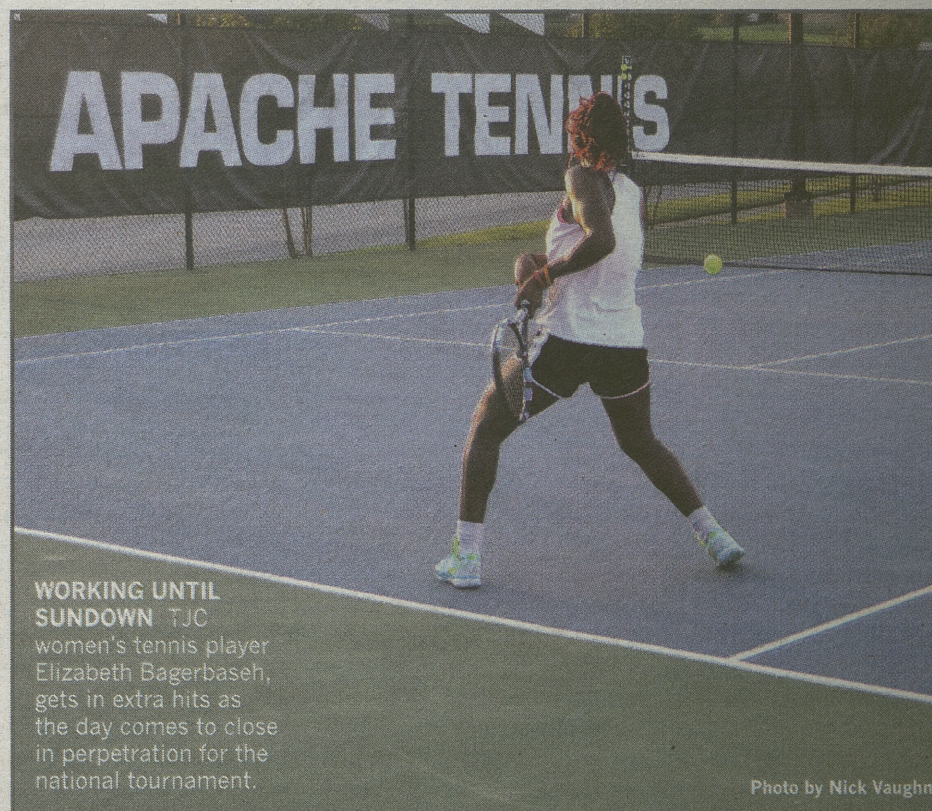
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you're playing for more than yourself. You're playing for your team. It really broadens your scope of tennis."

The team will be playing on April 22 and 23 against Jacksonville College and Laredo Community College.

The National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament will be held on May 7-13 in Tyler for the women's tournament, and May 15-20 in Plano, TX for the men's.



WORKING UNTIL SUNDOWN TJC women's tennis player Elizabeth Bagerbaseh, gets in extra hits as the day comes to close in preparation for the national tournament.

Photo by Nick Vaughn

Upcoming Athletic Events



Men's Tennis

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Apr. 23 vs Laredo CC
May. 15 vs TBA

Women's Tennis

Apr. 22 vs Jacksonville
Apr. 23 vs Laredo CC
May 7 vs TBA

Men's Baseball

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Apr. 24 vs. Coastal Bend College
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Welcome to Thunderdome; many pieces enter, one leaves

By Carl Speaks
Copy Editor

For the seventh year in a row, the Art Department is hosting its destructively fun Thunderdome. Many pieces of art will be entered into this annual event, but only one will make it out in one piece.

On the last Wednesday in April each year, students are encouraged to enter their one-of-a-kind artwork into this exciting competition. This year's event will take place on Apr. 27 on the lawn in front of Vaughn Library.

Almost any art medium is welcomed, as long as it is unique and not reproducible, such as photos or prints. Paul Jones, art professor said all that's needed to compete is a willingness to see the work destroyed.

The competition is done in a string of elimination rounds. The audience is the jury and the judges are a rotating panel of people chosen randomly from the audience by Art Professor and Department Chair Derrick White. If the crowd chooses to give a piece the "thumbs-down", then the annihilator steps in to do his or her job.

The last couple of years, the person chosen to be the annihilator has been Geoffrey Traylor, a former student. His energy and his outfit lent pageantry to the competition akin to a WWE wrestling event.

This year, the Art Department hopes that Traylor will return, but is willing to accept others to take on the roles, provided they have the energy and will put on a show. "If you kick a piece and it doesn't break, you can't just stop," said Chance Dunlap, Art professor.

It is difficult, however, to put time into creating something

only to have the chance of losing it.

White said he wants people to emotionally invest in creating art, but not be so attached that they can't let it go. If an artist is going to make money one day, "they have to be willing to let it go," said White.

"It's kind of cathartic ... it's good to see your work destroyed right in front of your face," said Jones. He explained that there is a psychological effect that acts as inspiration for future work.

"It's kind of cathartic ... it's good to see your work destroyed right in front of your face."

-Paul Jones
Art Professor, Tyler Junior College

The faculty also has their own entries, apart from that of the students. The student jury and judges will be able to view and vote on the destruction of art put together by the faculty entries.

Thunderdome isn't without its rewards. Aside from being "a great way to end the semester and blow off some steam," according to White, there is also an award. This year, the winner will not only get to keep the winning piece but will also receive \$250 with a chance at double or nothing.

Entries into the event will start being accepted at 11:30 a.m. on April 27 with the event to follow at "high noon," said White. All are welcome to enter. For more on previous year's Thunderdomes, visit them on facebook at facebook.com/tjcartclub.



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THE LONE SURVIVOR OF THE THUNDERDOME (left to right) The annihilator--Geoffrey Traylor, The Screaming Amazon-- Allora Rooney, and last years Thunderdome winner, Bryan Diego holding his winning artwork.

Bright lights shine on exhibits created by local high school seniors

By Marshall Cearfoss
Online Editor

Standing in the Tyler Museum of Art, one might say the perfect silence allows the mind to be completely led by the art.

Though the art on display at the Tyler Museum of Art is typically formed by the hands of professionals, the lights now shine on exhibits created by local high school seniors.

For over a decade, the Tyler Museum of Art has hosted the Annual High School Art Exhibition, highlighting some of the most talented art students in East Texas.

"I love to see their faces when they look back and see what they

started with and what they ended up with," said Lisa Kendall, a Whitehouse High School art teacher.

Kendall has taught at Whitehouse for 25 years and has proudly hailed her students' work at every TMA high school exhibition.

"You can look at a piece of artwork and just about know whose it is from our students," said Kendall. "It's just the style they've worked on continuously."

Mark Harrison and Gerald Roulette, art instructors for All Saints Episcopal School, have been able to watch their students mature and gain skills through their years of teaching.

"To me, it's not about the grade," said Gerald Roulette, "it's about the

success of the work, the quality of the work. If you achieve that, the grade will take care of itself."

Roulette has taught art at All Saints for four years, so he is as invested in his art students as they are in him.

"It's rare that a student can get a chance to say that they showcased their work in the museum," said Roulette. "It's kind of a send-off for seniors. A big finale."

Mark Harrison has been teaching at All Saints for two years, but he taught in Taiwan before coming to Texas.

"I don't think you find many museums that have an opportunity for high school students to display their

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Courtesy photo

KATIE DRAPER from White House used motivation from her travels to sculpt her work.

HIGH SCHOOL

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work,” said Harrison. “The TMA is unique like that to offer this for the local area students.”

Harrison is excited for the opportunities that the exhibit presents both to the students and to all of the local art departments.

“Anything that’s exhibited at the museum just helps to heighten the awareness of the arts and what’s being done at the schools in this area,” said Harrison. “I think it’s a great experience for the kids to be able to see what they can do. See the heights they can reach. It gives them an opportunity to see their work shown professionally.”

One of Kendall’s students, Kaitlyn Killian, portrayed her imagination through a photo of her sister by a uniquely placed urban mosaic.

“With the piece, I was trying to convey that art is pretty much anywhere and it can be anything, like a mosaic underneath a bridge,” said Killian.

Like the unique nature of her photo, she hopes to encourage people to approach life through a different perspective.

“A sense to think about other things is what I want people to get out of these,” said Killian.

Katie Draper, another artist from Whitehouse, used motivation from her travels to sculpt her work, Seek and Find.

“I could see the outline of the mountains in the wood because it reminded me of my trip. That inspired me to paint. Mainly, all of my inspiration comes from my travelling.”

Some of the inspiration for the art on display has come to the artists via rather extraordinary circumstances. One example is Whitehouse senior Trekeva Cotledge, who had a subconscious suggestion.

“I was struggling to figure out what I was going to do,” said Cotledge, “And I just had a dream about it. I figured I’d just go with it.”

Cotledge’s dream inspired her to make an abstract self-portrait embodying her ancestry.

Meah Lin, an All Saints senior, won Best of Show with her piece called A Rose is a Rose. She said that her focus was to portray the idea of absolute youth and beauty.

Madalyn Garrett, a Whitehouse senior, used the emotion of her past to fuel the strokes of her painting.

“It’s inspired by something that happened to me,” said Garrett, “It’s called Ghosts of My Past, because two of my old friends kind of betrayed me. I’m just trying to communicate this to other people who have felt this way before.”

Although inspired by a somber history, Garrett’s display still brings her joy.

“It was cool to see it under the light and my little quote next to it,” said Garrett. “I saw artists with their art in museums all the time, it’s just cool to see mine in a museum now.”

One section of the display is entitled Up and Coming. This exhibit showcases the work of exceptional artists who aren’t yet seniors.

Elizabeth Schoenbrun, a sophomore from All Saints, has her piece, titled Brokenness, on display in the Up and Coming category of the exhibit.

“It’s supposed to represent a broken heart and emotion. It has a Bible verse around it that talks about the heart and what flows from it.”

With free admission, the exhibit will be on display at the Tyler Museum of Art until May 1. The museum is at 1300 South Mahon Avenue, Tyler, TX.



Courtesy photo

STANDING IN FRONT OF HER ART Trekeva Cotledge explains her motivations for this piece of art ... she dreamed of it.

‘The Jungle Book’ remake is not so great, thanks Disney

Movie Review

Going into this movie, I had mixed feelings. I was excited to see a reboot of one of my childhood favorites. Yet, I was also skeptical... Because it was a reboot of one of my childhood favorites.

Storyline: The kid’s an indecisive orphan who talks to animals. That’s about it. Really.

I was hoping for an even stronger emotional connection with the characters than in the old movie. Because back then, they were Disney, but now they’re..... A much bigger Disney.

But I really didn’t get that. Baloo was obviously the best character; Bill Murray was a brilliant voice actor. But the movie never really made me think to myself “Yeah, I’d probably cry if that character died.”

Overall, the storyline just felt rushed. They took an already short movie, stretched it into nearly two hours, and somehow gave every character a fraction of the screen time.

Lastly, I must mention how dark it was. I typically like darker films (as you can see in my Batman v Superman review) but this is a kids movie. It was just strange hearing King Louie (Christopher Walken) giving a dramatic, threatening monologue about keeping this kid’s life, then suddenly break into a song

chorus... It was just weird. I feel like they could have tied in the dark theme and the old throwbacks to the original movie better than they did.

Characters: I was rather disappointed in Disney’s character development. I won’t spoil it, but



Marshall Cearfoss
Online Editor

the boa constrictor was painfully underplayed. Having Scarlett Johansson voice that character was such a good choice, but she had four lines in the whole film. WHY DO YOU DO SUCH HORRIBLE THINGS, DISNEY?

Acting: Well, since literally everyone in the film aside from Mowgli was a computer animation, I’ll just criticize Mowgli’s (Neel Sethi) acting.....WHICH WAS SO BAD.

They should have animated him. I have always had an aversion for child actors, and he just strengthened my hatred. He just..... I have to sigh a sigh of sadness.

Conclusion: Disney has taken all of my good childhood memories and made a disgusting, terrifying, giant monkey man sing all about it while trying to kill a child.

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Por Alejandra Hurtado
Editora Español

Sin la necesidad de tomar un avión, la comunidad de Tyler Junior College y un gran número de personas a nivel local e internacionales fueron partícipes del aprendizaje multicultural alrededor del mundo en el Día Internacional este Martes, 19 de Abril, en las instalaciones de Tyler Junior College por su vigésima sexta celebración.

"Para los estudiantes internacionales es un orgullo venir a representar a su país"

- Nidia Arellano Hassan
Directora de Admisiones, Tyler Junior College

"Un momento de aprendizaje" fueron las palabras utilizadas para resumir este evento por parte del fundador y organizador Dr. Manoucher Khosrowshahi, profesor de gobierno y patrocinador del Club Internacional en TJC, "este es el día en el cual esta aula es la más grande que tenemos en el campus en donde asisten miles de personas a aprender" dijo Dr. K, como sus colegas y estudiantes afectuosamente llaman a Dr. Khosrowshahi.

"Este es un evento muy importante

para TJC" dijo Arantxa Hidalgo, estudiante internacional proveniente de México, "es una oportunidad para conocer a muchísimas culturas sin salir del país".

Desde las 8 A.M se abrieron las puertas del salón Apache Room dentro del campus de Tyler Junior College para dar paso a los invitados mañaneros quienes fueron los asistentes en las primeras muestras artísticas y a ver las múltiples exhibiciones que habían en el evento.

Desde el domingo, 17 de Abril, los representantes de cada país prepararon sus mesas añadiendo detalles artísticos, creativos como símbolo de su país y su cultura.

Mientras transcurría la mañana, Dr. K, fue presentando algunas muestras folclóricas y culturales de países como Gambia e India, además de la participación del Obispo Nick McGrew recitando el discurso por Martin L. King, representado por su parte la cultura estadounidense.

"Este es un evento para que todo el mundo disfrute" dijo Dr. K, "es un entorno de festival en el cual todos los que vinieron hoy, al Día Internacional, se irán felices, ¡se los garantizo!".

El profesor de psicología de Tyler Junior College, Otis Webster, fue quien dio inicio



Fotografía de Alejandra Hurtado

LA PARTICIPACION DE LA GENTE EN LAS PRESENTACIONES El Día Internacional tuvo muchas presentaciones artísticas significativas durante todo el día, no solo como muestras culturales sino como aprendizaje a aquellos quienes espontáneamente subían al escenario a participar de las danzas de otros países.

al Día Internacional cantando con fervor el himno nacional de Estados Unidos. El Dr. Mike Metke, presidente de TJC junto con Dr. K fueron los encargados de la ceremonia inaugural del Día Internacional. Dr. Metke, recibió un cuadro con sus nombres como obsequio de Dr. K representando su cultura turca. Igualmente, la Dra. Christine Hubbard, presidente del Consorcio de la Comunidad de Colleges del Norte de Texas (Consortium of Community Colleges of North Texas) fue la invitada de honor para este año; ella dijo "tengo la oportunidad de viajar por todo el mundo en un solo salón".

"Dr. Mezte es una gran apoyo en la educación internacional, sin él, esto no hubiera sucedido," dijo Dr. K "él estuvo detrás de escenas apoyando el evento en muchas maneras, así que le estoy agradecido por su apoyo, así como a su esposa que también estuvo aquí, por lo que esto significó mucho".

Este fue un recorrido sin fronteras, con tan solo pocos pasos los asistentes podían viajar entre las exhibiciones de cada país. Desde el continente Africano, hasta al Europeo, pasando por algunos países de Asia y llegando a algún país Latino Americano; todas las mesas estaban llenas de representación cultural.

"Para los estudiantes internacionales es un orgullo poder venir a representar a su país y contestar las preguntas de la gente como: '¿Dónde queda su país? ¿Cuál es la población? ¿Cómo es su cultura? ¿Cuál es la comida típica?'" dijo Nidia Arellano Hassan, Directora de Admisiones de Tyler Junior College.

Este año, fueron 50 países representados en el Día Internacional, el mayor número hasta la fecha de países representados en este evento.

"Se cumplieron todas mis expectativas y aun mas alla"

- Dr. Manoucher Khosrowshahi
Fundador del Día Internacional, Tyler Junior College

"Es muy importante que celebren el Día Internacional, en el TJC porque somos muchos estudiantes internacionales y en realidad con mucha riqueza cultural que la gente puede venir y conocer" dijo Andy Alvarado, estudiante internacional de negocios proveniente de Costa Rica.

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REPRESENTANTES LATINOS EN EL DIA INTERNACIONAL (De derecha a izquierda) Maikel Yanez y Andres Jaime de Venezuela, Luisa Trinidad de Republica Dominicana. Nidia Arellano Hassan, directora de admisiones de TJC. Alejandra Hurtado de Colombia, Andy Alvarado de Costa Rica y Sofia Tamayo de Ecuador estuvieron representando sus países latinoamericanos en el Día Internacional.

DIA INTERNACIONAL

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Entre las exhibiciones, los colores brillantes de diversos trajes típicos alrededor del mundo predominaban entre la gente. Era común que los asistentes se encontraran con la imitación de Charlie Chaplin, o fueran escogidos para la foto con el letrero del Día Internacional.

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— Dr. Manoucher Khosrowshahi
Fundador del Dia Internacional, Tyler
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La variedad de muestras artísticas estuvieron entre danzas, actos de magia, cantantes, musica instrumental, recitales y actos simbolicos.

“Muchos estudiantes que vinieron de las escuelas tanto primarias como secundarias visitaron y pudieron tener esta experiencia cultural” dijo Arellano.

El interés de preguntar sobre la decoración de cada exhibición, la traducciones en otros lenguajes, así como la emoción de los niños al estampar su pasaporte del Día Internacional y por supuesto la ansiosa pero gratificante espera de los asistentes al recibir su nombre escrito en Japonés o decorar artísticamente sus manos con henna en la exhibición de Pakistán; esto y más particularidades sucedieron al mismo tiempo en el Día Internacional donde gubo participacion continua participacion de los asistentes en el evento.

“Me gustó mucho el día internacional por la gran cantidad de diferentes aspectos culturales alrededor del mundo” dijo Amber Gamal, quien realizo la presentación artística de danza árabe. “Dr. K hizo un trabajo increíble en este lugar y realmente fue una oportunidad divertida.”

Latino América estuvo a cargo de la participación de los estudiantes de TJC, quienes con las camisas de futbol

exhibieron sus países, algunos de ellos fueron Brasil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Venezuela, entre muchos otros. La participacion de Cuba fue importante en este evento “uno de los que más me interesó fue Cuba,” dijo Arellano Hassan,” este es el primer año que tenemos una exhibición representando este país”.

Mientras caía la tarde, el evento se tornó mucho mas participativo cuando los estudiantes de TJC fueron invitados a improvisar bailes como muestra de talento que hay en el TJC.

Finalmente, Dr. K agradeció a todos por su participación y muchos salieron del recinto con una sonrisa reflejando satisfacción no solo de haber participado; sino también, de haber aprendido sobre otras culturas y con orgullo representar quienes son frente al mundo.

“Se cumplieron todas mis expectativas y más allá” dijo Dr. K “solo puedo decir gracias a todos mis estudiantes, a la comunidad de TJC y colegas que vinieron a apoyarme y haciero este evento posible”.

Para mayor información, contactar a Dr. Manoucher Khosrowshahi al e-mail mkho@tjc.edu o vía telefónica al 903-510-2279.



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EXHIBICIONES INTERNACIONALES

Los asistentes al evento tuvieron la oportunidad de pasar por cada exhibicion y aprender sobre varios paises.

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INTERNATIONAL DAY

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This year, with 50 countries represented International Day (the highest number to date), attendees could cross borders only by taking a few steps. From Africa to Europe, passing by some countries in the Middle East, Asia and reaching Latin countries.

"It is very important that we celebrate it in TJC because we are many international students and there's a lot of cultural richness people can come to see," said Andy Alvarado, an international business student from Costa Rica.

Among the exhibits, the bright colors of different costumes from around the world predominated. It was common for attendees to find an imitation of

students who exhibited their countries with soccer shirts from Brazil to Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador Venezuela and many others. "One that interested me was Cuba," said Arellano Hassan. "This is the first year that we have a display representing that country."

As evening fell, the event turned participatory when TJC students were invited to join in on a sample of improvised talent. Finally, Dr. K thanked everyone for their participation and many people left the room with a smile on their face, reflecting satisfaction, not only of having participated, but also having learned and shown who they really were as a culture to a multicultural

"It's a festival environment in which everyone who came today, to the international day, will walk out happy, I guarantee it!"

-Dr. Manouchehr Khosrowshahi
Founder of International Day, Tyler Junior College

Charlie Chaplin, or to be chosen for a photo with the International Day sign.

"Many students who came from both primary schools and high schools visited and could have this cultural experience," said Arellano.

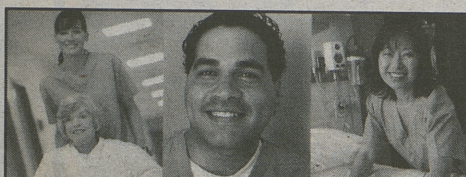
It was of interest for people to ask about the decoration of each exhibit, the translation of a word in other languages, as well as the excitement of children to stamp their international day passports and an anxious but rewarding wait for the attendants to receive their name written in Japanese or artistically decorate their hands with Henna on Pakistan's display; this and more happening at the same time allowed the event to have a continuous participation from people.

"I really liked the International Day because of the many different cultural aspects around the world," said Amber Gamal, who performed an artistic presentation of Arabic dance. "Dr. K did an incredible job in this place and it really was a fun opportunity."

Latin America was responsible for the participation of TJC

world.

"It met all my expectations and beyond," said Dr. K. "I can only say thanks to all of my students, the community of TJC, colleagues who came to support and make this event possible."



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TJC uses Apache Alerts to keep students and faculty informed

By Irene Campos
News Editor

TJC is dedicated to protecting its students and faculty.

With campus security constantly on the lookout, it's rare for any form of crime to slip by the firm hands of the school. And if it does, Campus Safety is on the case, determined to solve whatever crime or disturbance that might have occurred.

In order to maintain vigilance,

used to inform or update the campus about a recent incidents at as close to the moments they occur. This allows students to be aware, possibly allowing opportunity for them to give assistance to Campus Safety. This gives Campus Security timely information that could be important.

The system also alerts students of fire, emergency, or severe weather. Fred Peters, Director of Public Affairs and Grant Development, wrote in an article, "though the service was

"TJC is working to make certain all faculty, staff, and students are enrolled with at least one mode of emergency notification."

-Fred Peters
Director, Public Affairs and Grant Development

TJC has a system that notifies students, faculty, and staff -- Apache Alerts.

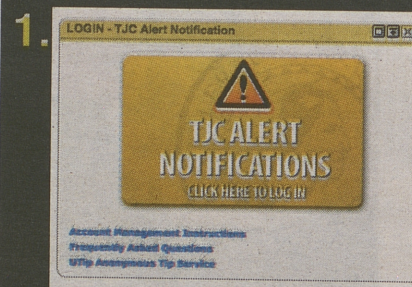
On April 5th, an Apache Alert was sent out across campus. "An unknown suspect is wanted by TJC Police for an indecent exposure that has occurred inside Pirtle tech. Suspect is a black male, short hair, wearing a blue shirt and orange shorts." This case has been taken over by Campus Security and is currently an ongoing, open case.

The Apache Alert system is

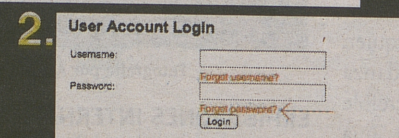
first announced to faculty and staff during the Fall semester as 'opt-in,' new State legislation requires that employees and students be included in such a system beginning with the Spring 2012 semester. TJC is working to make certain all faculty, staff and students are enrolled with at least one mode of emergency notification."

Students can sign up for these alerts by signing into their Apache Access and clicking the TJC Alert Notifications link of the home tab.

How to activate your Apache Alerts



Log in to your
Apache Access
and click on the
yellow box.



Click link for
"forgot password?"

3. Enter your A number ex. A98745321.

VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT

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The Madden NFL tournament is the last tournament that the Recreation Center will host this semester at 5 p.m. on April 28 and will be played on the PS4. The tournament consists of two players who pick their favorite teams to go head-to-head. The game has the same rules as a regular football game and is played the same way. The winner will move up to challenge the next competitor.

The tournaments usually last around two hours, depending on how many students sign up and how fast they play the

games. At the end, the winner of the tournament will win a gift card and a T-shirt, and the runner-up will win a T-shirt, as well.

For more information on how to get involved with the tournaments, visit The Recreation Center which is open to all TJC students from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays. To keep up with upcoming tournaments, go to "Tyler Junior College Rec Sports" on Facebook or tjc.edu/events.

METKE

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we enjoy doing them together as a family and having those shared memories."

According to Metke, each trip is memorable in its own unique way.

"It's probably the prettiest place I've ever been. It's pure wilderness," said Metke

his favorite he explains that it isn't easy to choose.

"Each one of them, sort of like, which is your favorite child, were special," said Metke.

Metke hopes that there is a few

"Time is running out in terms of significant mounts."

-Dr. Mike Metke
President, Tyler Junior College

when mentioning Washington State.

"Mount Rainier was the first really big mountain I did. I think that, up to that time, that was the hardest thing I did voluntarily, and then I ended up pulling a muscle and really had trouble walking," said Metke. "I remember just telling myself that if I could still stand, I could still walk, and I could force myself to keep going."

When asked which trip was the most memorable or which experience has been

adventures left but acknowledges time is not on his side.

"Time is running out in terms of significant mounts," said Metke.

Ultimately, he is just glad that he has had the chance to experience all that he has been able to and that he still can keep up with his family.

"I have been blessed where I'm able to do some things, even now where I can certainly keep up with my kids and grandkids," said Metke.

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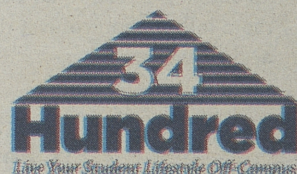
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EventsGuide

Rock n' Roll Friday

TJC's science center, CESSE, will present "SpacePark360" at 7 p.m. and "Rock on Demand" at 8 p.m. from April 15 thru June 15. Musical selections and graphic images will vary month to month. Tickets are available online at <http://sciencecenter.tjc.edu/>. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$1 for current TJC students.

Student Leadership Banquet

Students, faculty and staff who have gone above and beyond will be celebrated. The banquet will take place at 7 p.m. on April 22 at Green Acres Baptist Church CrossWalk Conference Center. It is free with a student ID and tickets are \$10 for guest. For more information on how to get a ticket, please call the CSLI office at 903-510-2797 or email studentlife@tjc.edu

Are You Marriage Material

"Are You Marriage Material?" is a stage play intended for anyone who wants to get married, for anyone who wants information on the subject and for those who are married and need marital support. There is a 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. showing on April 23 at the Librity Hall Theatre.

Student Recital

The student recital will begin at 1 p.m. on April 22 at the Jean Browne Theatre. There is no cost for this event. For more information go to tjc.edu/artsfestival.

Rose Sunday

Rose Sunday is a celebration with the City of Tyler, the Texas Rose Festival and the Tyler Rose Museum to herald in the spring rose season in all its glory. City dignitaries and the 83rd Queen of the Texas Rose Festival and members of her Court will be present to welcome all to the Tyler Rose Garden from 1:30 p.m. to 2:15. For more information call 903-597-3130.

TJC Spring Jazz Concert

The TJC Jazz Ensemble will be performing at their spring concert at 7:30 p.m. on April 26 in the Wise Auditorium. They will be performing a variety of selections from jazz through the years.

ACC Open Mic ft. Lakin

The ACC will be hosting an open mic night from 7-9 p.m. on April 27 on the second floor of Roger Student Center. The event is free to attend and open for students to show off their diverse talents. Lakin, guest artist, is a Southern California based young singer and songwriter, whose combination of genre-defying and stunning melodic gifts shine through in her heartfelt lyrics and powerful performances.

Cash Cab

A TJC campus police golf cart will be offering rides to students who wish to participate in a financial literacy quiz. Students will be asked up to three questions and can earn up to \$10. Be on the lookout from 3 p.m. to 5 on April 27.

Thunderdome

At noon in Jenkins Courtyard, students can gather and help decide which piece of art will survive the annihilator. Two pieces of art will be put on display and the crowd will decide which piece survives. There is no cost for this event. For more information go to tjc.edu/artsfestival or see page 16.



Coffee House: Faculty Recital

Enjoy some coffee or eat lunch while listening to the TJC Guitar Ensemble, Student Composers, Chamber Singers or Music Faculty in the lobby of the Tyler Museum of Art. Coffee House is at noon on April 27 at the Tyler Museum of Art lobby. This event is free of charge. For more information go to tjc.edu/artsfestival.

Theophilus North

Come join the TJC Theater players perform this unique play. Multiple players playing multiple roles at the Jean Browne Theater from April 27 to May 1. Show times will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 27 through Saturday April 30 and at 2 p.m. Sunday May 1. Ticket prices will vary. For more information contact the ticket office at 903-510-2212 or tjc.edu/theatre

Choral Concert

The Music Program will be hosting a Spring Choral Concert on April 29 at 6 p.m. at the first Presbyterian

Church located at 230 W. Rusk St. in Tyler. The event will feature Concert Choir and Chamber Singers. Admission is free.

Student/Faculty Dance Recital

Students and Faculty of the TJC Dance Department will perform a recital including Jazz, Ballet, Modern and Tap dances. The recital will begin at 7:30 p.m. on April 29 at the Wise Auditorium. There is no cost for this event. For more information go to tjc.edu/artsfestival.

The Goonies Showing

Liberty Hall theatre will be hosting a showing of The Goonies at 10 a.m. on April 30. Tickets are on sale for \$7 and VIP box for four is \$50. For more information go to <http://www.libertytyler.com/ComeSeeAShow>

Percussion Ensembles Concert

TJC percussion ensemble will be performing at 7:30 p.m. on May 2 in Wise Auditorium. Admission is free.

Spring Band Concert

TJC bands will be performing at 7:30 p.m. on May 3 in Wise Auditorium. Admission is free.

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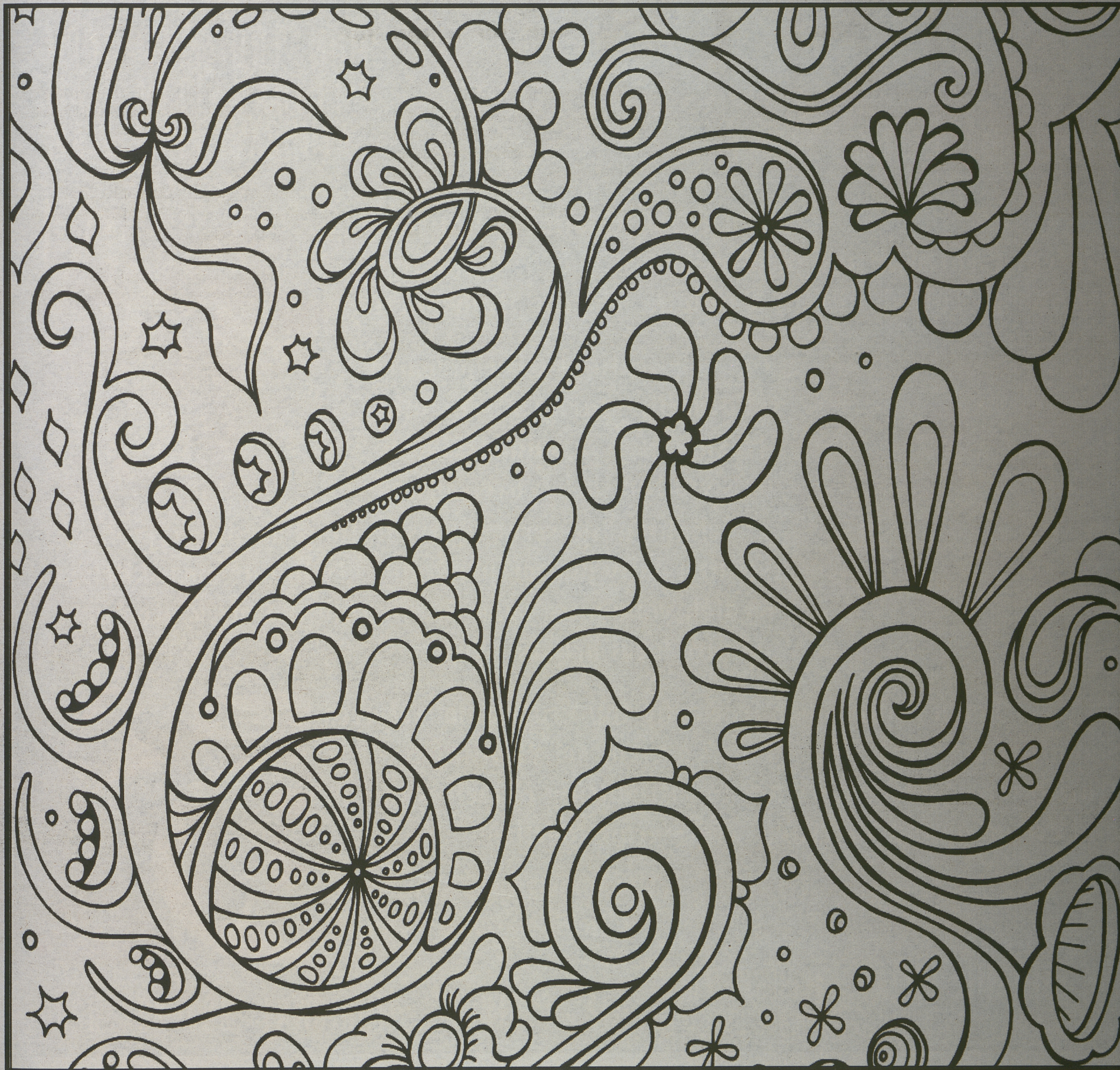
Harmony and Understanding will be performing their annual revue of tunes from some favorite shows at 7:30 p.m. on May 5 and 6 in Jean Browne Theatre. Admission is free.

Comedian Kevin Farley Live

Liberty Hall theatre will be hosting comedian Kevin Farley. The show is 8 p.m. on May 7 at the Liberty Hall Theatre. Farley has appeared in several TV shows and movies. Tickets are between \$15 and \$18 and Vip Box seats \$100 and each box admits four. This show is rated R for language. For more information go to <http://www.libertytyler.com/ComeSeeAShow>

John Fullbright in Concert

Liberty Hall Theatre will be hosting musician John Fullbright. The show is 8 p.m. on May 21 at the Liberty Hall Theatre. Tickets are \$20 and \$15 and Vip Box seats \$125 and each box admits four. For more information go to <http://www.libertytyler.com/ComeSeeAShow>



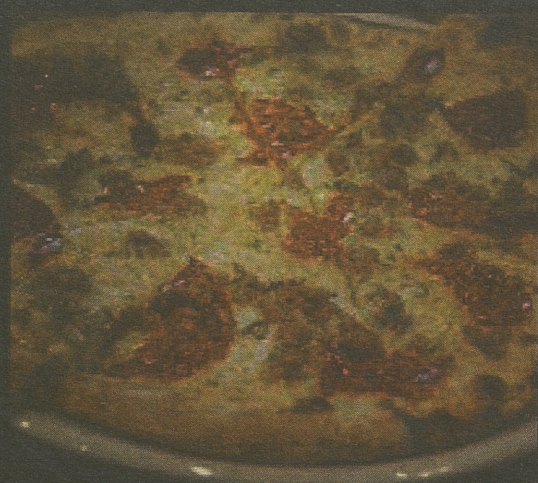
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